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January 29, 2013

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William T Fujioka

Chief Executive Officer

PROMOTING CHILD SAFETY THROUGH STRONGER DATA COORDINATION

On December 18, 2012, your Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report on a plan to designate a single entity within the County of Los Angeles to track and compile data on child abuse, neglect, and deaths. The CEO is requesting for a 90-day extension to develop the plan, and we will work to recommend standard child wellness indicators across departments in order for your Board to develop policies that promote child wellness and safety.

The CEO is drafting a plan in collaboration with departments that collect data related to including the Departments of Children and Family Services, Health Services. Public Health. Mental Health, Probation, the Coroner, and County Counsel. A representative from each department will participate in the Promoting Child Safety Work Group, which will have its first meeting on February 6, 2013. The goal of this Work Group is to strengthen data coordination by identifying a single entity and developing a plan to ensure that child safety data is collected and reported consistently for your Board.

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The Work Group will provide a status report to your Board within 90 days. If you have any questions, please contact Antonia Jiménez at ajimenez@ceo.lacounty.gov or at (213) 974-7365.

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